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Case Service Memorandum 2011-03

TO: All DRS VR Counselors

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SUBJECT: Mental Health Evaluations Purchased From Licensed Professional Counselors (LPC) For Eligibility and Comprehensive Assessment Purposes

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Under provisions of the Mental Health Professional Practice Act and Utah Administrative Code R156-60, Licensed Professional Counselors (LPC) may conduct testing and formal assessments used in making a DSM multi-axial diagnosis. Through consultation with the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation and organizations representing this profession, USOR is extending the ability for a VR Counselor to authorize to LPC's for Mental Health Evaluations that include testing equivalent to a level II psychological evaluation. The cost of these evaluations conducted by an LPC is \$400 and is authorized under control code 126.

LPC conducted Mental Health Evaluations can be used for eligibility and/or other comprehensive assessment purposes. At a minimum these evaluations should include, but not be limited to, a clinical interview, personality testing, intelligence testing, other testing as appropriate to the individual and a DSM diagnosis.